

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace the listing of claims as pending in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented – Article 19): A Ni-Pt alloy superior in workability containing Pt in a content of 0.1 to 20wt% and having a Vickers hardness of 40 to 90.

Claim 2 (previously presented – Article 19): The Ni-Pt alloy according to claim 1 having a purity of 99.99% or higher.

Claim 3 (original): A manufacturing method of Ni-Pt alloy superior in workability comprising the steps of subjecting a raw material Ni having a purity of 3N level to electrochemical dissolution, a step of neutralizing the electrolytically leached solution with ammonia, a step of removing impurities by filtering the neutralized solution with activated carbon, a step of blowing carbon dioxide into the resultant solution to form nickel carbonate and exposing the resultant product to a reducing atmosphere to prepare high purity Ni powder, a step of leaching a raw material Pt having a purity of 3N level with acid, a step of subjecting the leached solution to electrolysis to prepare high purity electrodeposited Pt, and a step of dissolving the resultant high purity Ni powder and high purity electrodeposited Pt.

Claim 4 (original): The manufacturing method of Ni-Pt alloy according to claim 3 wherein the Ni-Pt alloy has a purity of 99.99% or higher.

Claims 5-6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (previously presented – Article 19): A Ni-Pt alloy target superior in workability containing Pt in a content of 0.1 to 20wt% and having a Vickers hardness of 40 to 90.

Claim 8 (previously presented – Article 19): The Ni-Pt alloy target according to claim 7 having a purity of 99.99% or higher.